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CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
Two-time All-American and Golf, Ill. native Emily Anderson '10 reached the semi-final heat of the 1500-meter race at the United States Olympic Trials last summer in Eugene, Ore. after a successful sophomore season. She later finished in fifth place at the NCAA outdoor national championships in the same event. See the back page to read her story.

Housekeeper's words upset management

Colleagues say library rest area is always available

By KEVIN LIPTAK
Flat Hat News Editor

Earl Gregg Swem Library administrators were dismayed last week after reading comments from a Swem housekeeper claiming library staff were unwelcoming to custodians using the designated staff lounge.

Colette Roots' comments, which appeared in the March 24 edition of The Flat Hat, were cause for concern among Swem's librarians and support staff. Administrators said they were distressed when they read Roots' complaints and felt her words did not accurately convey the real relationship between librarians and custodial staff.

"I think staff were a little upset and distressed by it," Dean of University Libraries Connie McCarthy said. "We really feel that housekeepers — even though they're not employed strictly by Swem Library — are a very important part of our staff. They are very loyal to the library and do

an excellent job at keeping the library in good shape."

McCarthy, along with Director of Special Collections Bea Hardy, said housekeepers routinely use the designated staff lounge, despite Roots' claim that housekeepers are stared at and made uncomfortable by other staff members in the room.

Swem administrators, who often see custodians using the room during their mid-shift breaks, have never witnessed the unwelcoming atmosphere Roots described.

"I personally asked some of the housekeepers if they've ever been intimidated by using the room, and they said no," McCarthy said. "I just don't think it's representative of a lot of the housekeepers."

While the staff lounge is occasionally used for training, Swem Director of Research, Instruction and Outreach Services Pat Van Zandt said instances of housekeepers being denied access are rare. Since July, the room has been used once for

a training class. Other events held in the room, like retirement parties and staff lunches, have been open to housekeepers.

"It's not a great training room," Van Zandt said. "We call it a training room, but it's not equipped with internet connection or computers or anything like that. When we train in there, we gather for general meetings. Everything else, we're in a classroom or in the learning center."

The Flat Hat interviewed Swem housekeepers Monday who said they had no problem using the staff lounge. All declined to give their names.

"I go in there any time of the day and heat my lunch up," one custodian said. "I like to eat outside, but I've never had any problems in the lounge."

Another housekeeper echoed the same sentiments.

"I've never had a problem up there," she said. In addition to the break rooms, Roots highlighted other concerns with her working conditions. She said housekeepers' safety was

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Finalists named for VPSA post

By KEVIN LIPTAK
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Four seasoned student-affairs professionals comprise the list of finalists announced Wednesday for vice president for student affairs, one of the College of William and Mary's most visible and influential administrative positions. Virginia Ambler '88 Ph.D '06, Margaret Jablonski, Dean Bresciani and Angel Martinez Loreda will visit campus this month to participate in a series of meetings with students, faculty and staff.

Government professor Clay Clemens, chair of the Search Committee, hopes to present a final pick to President Reveley by the end of April.

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GETTING TO KNOW THE CANDIDATES

The four finalists for Vice President of Student Affairs:



VIRGINIA AMBLER
Education:
BA, Ph.D The College of William and Mary
Current Position:
Interim Vice President for Student Affairs, The College of William and Mary
Visiting Campus: 4/20 – 4/21



DEAN L. BRESCIANI
Education:
Ph.D Higher Education Texas A&M University
Current Position:
Former Vice President for Student Affairs Texas A&M University
Visiting Campus: 4/13 – 4/14



MARGARET A. JABLONSKI
Education:
Ed.D Boston University
Current Position:
Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
Visiting Campus: 4/9 – 4/10



ÁNGEL MARTÍNEZ LOREDO
Education:
BA, St. Mary's; MA Liberal Arts, Southern Methodist University
Current Positions
Associate Dean of Students, University of Maine
Visiting Campus: 4/23 – 4/24

Houser wins SA run-off

By MAGGIE REEB
Flat Hat News Editor

Erik Houser won the Student Assembly senate seat for the class of 2010 Thursday, capturing 79 percent in a revote. Less than 200 people voted.

A voting glitch compromised the results of the 2010 senate race in the March 26 elections. The College of William and Mary's online voting system allowed graduate students to vote in undergraduate senate races. Houser ran uncontested for the seat after Eric Newman '10 withdrew from the race.

Houser, whose initial campaign was based on apathy towards the SA, has taken the position that he wants to help facilitate dialogue between the College and SA.

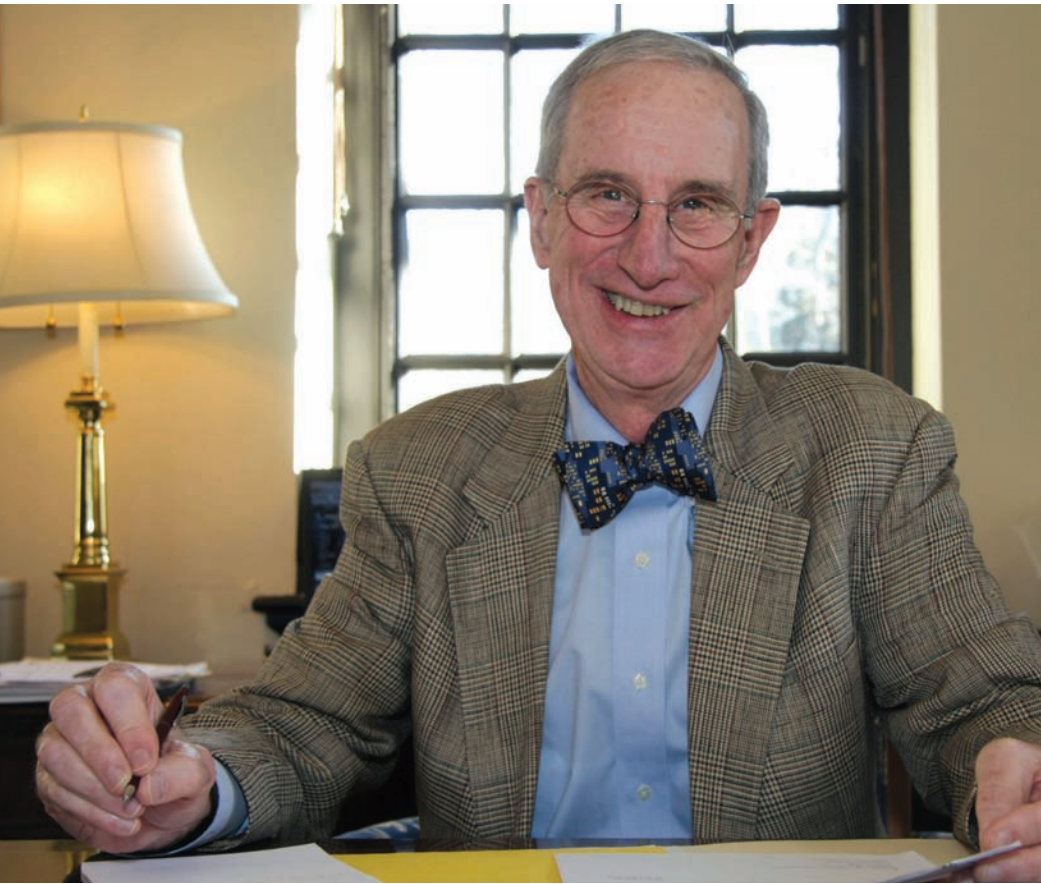
He joins 2010 Sens. Jim Dunleavey, Ross Gillingham and Steven Nelson.

FROM THE BRAFFERTON

Outgoing provost leaves legacy at College

Feiss reflects on his life in academia

By ALEX GUILLÉN
Flat Hat Online Editor



JACK HOHMAN — THE FLAT HAT
College of William and Mary Provost Geoff Feiss in his office, sporting a matrix bowtie.

It's an unseasonably warm Friday afternoon and outgoing College of William and Mary Provost Geoff Feiss is, as usual, decked out in a spiffy bowtie, a habit he picked up after coming to Williamsburg. Today the tie is yellow with blue lines, which form a square pattern.

He leans back in his chair, thinking for a moment, before saying, "As far as I'm concerned, I was supposed to be born in Colorado."

Feiss, who is retiring from his position as provost at the College this summer, enjoys reminiscing about all things geologic. Geology is where the slender, softspoken man got his start in academia. Feiss studied the subject as an undergraduate at Princeton University before earning his doctorate from Harvard University in 1970. He spent the next 27 years lecturing about rocks and tectonic plates, first at Albion College in Michigan and later at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, before becoming a full-time administrator at the College.

Feiss feels a deep connection to the western part of the United States because his geology research was based there. His parents lived at a mining camp 11,000 feet above sea level during the 1930s; and he enjoys hiking and spending time outdoors. His mock resentment over not being born in Colorado — his sister was born in Denver; Feiss, in Cleveland — comes, he says, from the time they lived outside Washington, D.C. while his father served at the Pentagon during World War II.

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Weather

Friday




High 76°
Low 46°

Saturday



High 68°
Low 45°

Sunday



High 69°
Low 56°

Source: www.ueather.com

News in Brief

Mascot Committee seeks ideas from students

The College of William and Mary Mascot Committee is officially accepting mascot ideas between April 1 and June 30. Students may obtain more information and submit ideas online. Drawings, photographs, videos or other visual representations of mascot ideas are encouraged, but not required. The mascot search website is available at www.wm.edu/mascot/ ideas.

Williamsburg Area Transport increases frequency

The Williamsburg Area Transit Authority announced in a press release that it will increase the frequency of service on several Williamsburg Area Transport lines. WAT will put a second bus on four hourly routes starting at the Williamsburg Transportation Center and running every half-hour between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. WAT’s hours will remain hourly on all other lines and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. The blue and gray line buses will increase in frequency year round. The orange and tan lines will increase from April through October. These changes were made to support the WAT system’s highest ridership.

Five Virginia buildings receive green renovation

United States Sens. Jim Webb and Mark Warner announced Wednesday that the U.S. General Service Administration has released more than \$66 million to renovate and modernize five of Virginia’s federal buildings as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, according to a press release. “Modernizing our federal buildings to perform more efficiently will create local jobs and save future taxpayer money on energy costs,” Webb said in a press release. “This funding will provide the necessary resources for communities to properly invest in public buildings and spur economic growth in the area of energy efficiency.” The GSA’s Public Buildings Service based their decisions on the ability of the project to put people back to work quickly and increase energy efficiency in federal buildings.

Virginia working families receive tax credit

The Obama Administration released a state-by-state analysis Wednesday to demonstrate the national impact of the Making Work Pay Tax credit. President Barack Obama signed the tax credit into law in February. According to a press release, 2.9 million working Virginia families will collectively receive \$1.5 billion. Nationwide, the credit provides tax relief for over 110 million working families. The relief is valued at nearly \$60 billion.

— by Bertel King, Jr.

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Audio Podcast: The Flat Hat makes predictions about the Final Four
by Alex Guillén
Flat Hat Editor-in-Chief Miles Hilder and Sports Editors Matt Poms and Chris Weidman discuss their picks for the winner of the NCAA Division I college basketball tournament.

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Baylor University is among the schools affected if Texas legislation passes.

Texas bill may allow guns on campus

Conceal-carry laws may find a home at Texas universities

By BERTEL KING, JR.
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

A Texas House of Representatives bill may allow people with concealed-carry licenses to bring handguns onto college campuses. According to the Baylor University student publication Lariat Online, House Bill 1893 is pending in the Public Safety Committee after a public debate Monday in Austin. The bill would allow concealed handguns at institutions of higher education. Texas issued over 73,000 concealed-carry licenses in 2008. Those seeking a license must be at least 21 years old, according to District 56 Representative Charles Anderson. The application process involves an in-depth screening, background check of applicants and training on how to handle a weapon responsibly. Anderson co-wrote the bill with 70 of the 150 House members. He said he received favorable feedback from constituents, including several Baylor University students. “I would feel more safe if people had guns on campus,” James Mattison, a senior at the university, said. “If police aren’t readily available,

people would rather have their own protection.” Mattison said he feels students should be allowed to have weapons in the instance of a school shooting, like the one at Virginia Tech in 2007. Mattison has a concealed-carry license. Ralph Disher, a former investigator for the Bell County District Attorney’s office, opposes the bill. Disher believes that allowing weapons on campus would be unsafe. “Cops kill people on accident, and they’ve had a whole lot more training,” Disher said. He has 27 years of law enforcement experience. The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence agrees that weapons should be banned from college campuses. Their website notes that binge drinking is highest among 18 to 24-year-olds and students could be in danger if guns are available when people are under the influence of alcohol. Texas is one of 24 states that prohibit concealed weapons on college campuses. Fifteen states allow colleges or universities to make their own decision on the issue. Utah is the only state that explicitly allows concealed weapons at all public institutions of higher education. Six states are considering legislation similar to the Texas bill.

STREET BEAT

How do you feel about Homezone being replaced by Panda Express?



“I love pandas. Are you serious? That’s awesome. Pandas all the way.”

Albert Shin ’11



“I don’t really object to it, but I’m going to miss Homezone.”

Monika Bernotas ’12



“That’s sweet. I never really ate at Homezone anyways.”

Sam McVane ’11



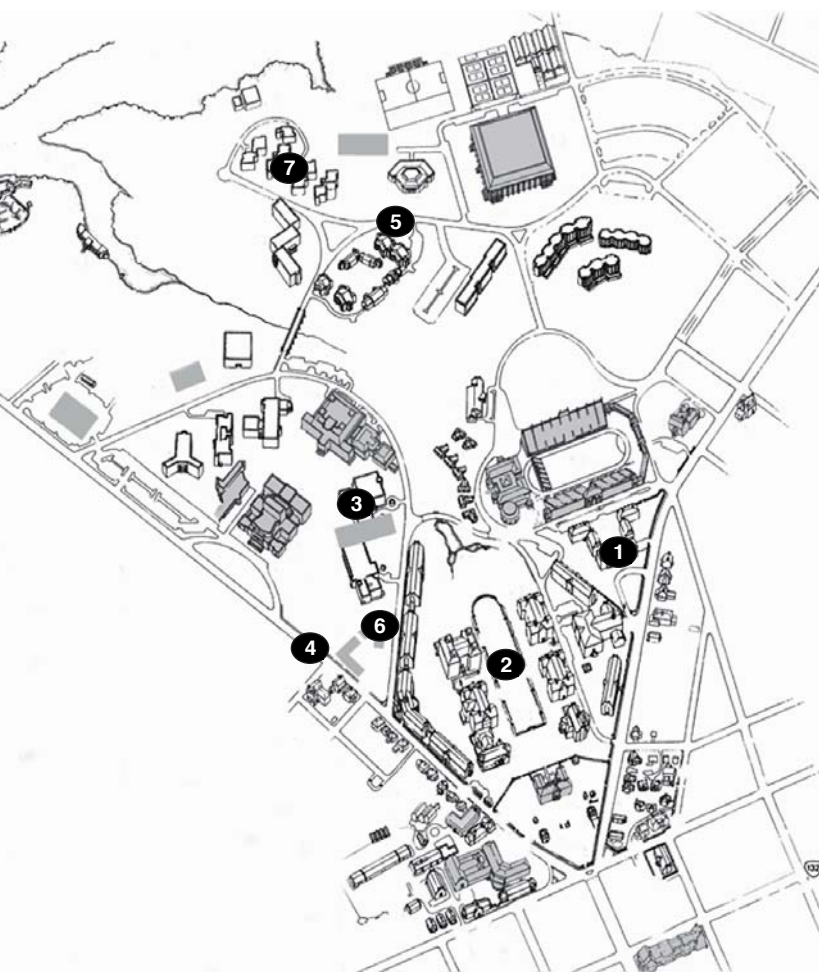
“I love Chinese food!”

Hannah Bowman ’10

— photos by Caitlin Fairchild and interviews by Maggie Reeb

CAMPUS POLICE BEAT

March 26 to March 30



- 1 Thursday, March 26**— An individual was arrested for allegedly trespassing at the Bryan Complex.
- 2 Friday, March 27** — An individual was arrested for alleged assault in the Sunken Garden.
- 3** — An individual reported a stolen bicycle near Millington Hall. The estimated value is \$50.
- 4 Sunday, March 29** — An individual reported four vandalized lights and four vandalized signs on Jamestown Rd. The estimated value is \$400.
- 5** — An individual reported a vandalized vehicle on the 500 block of Ukrop Way. The estimated damage is \$75.
- 5** — An individual reported a stolen bicycle on Ukrop Way. The estimated value is \$175.
- 6** — An individual was arrested for allegedly trespassing in Jamestown North.
- 7 Monday, March 30** — An individual reported two vandalized locks and vandalized computer equipment in a Spotswood Hall lounge. The estimated value is \$830.

— compiled by Bertel King, Jr.

SA approves election

Student planners, fee appropriations discussed

By MEGHAN BOHN
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The Student Assembly met for the first time since the election Tuesday.

Certified results of last week’s SA election were introduced during the first half of the meeting. Sen. Matt Beato ’09 made a PowerPoint presentation explaining recent SA voting trends at the College of William and Mary.

Beato also showed a PowerPoint entitled “10 Things I Hated About This Election,” discussing problems with last week’s election. He suggested solutions, addressing SA policy toward campaign controversy such as the withdrawal of candidates, the destruction of flyers and the distribution of unsolicited e-mails.

The senate went on to pass three bills unanimously, including the student activities budget sponsored by Sen. Caroline Mullis ’09.

Mullis’ Free Planners for Students to Help Keep Them Organized Act was also passed.

Written in conjunction with the Office of Health Education, this bill appropriates money to expand the distribution of planners to sophomores and juniors as well as freshmen.

The Open Billing Act, sponsored by Sens. Stef

Felitto ’12, Steven Nelson ’09 and Walter McClean ’09, was the final bill passed.

This legislation requests that the Bursar’s Office place a link in online bills detailing where fees are appropriated so that students will be told how their tuition is being spent.

According to Nelson, this bill is the culmination of years of similar efforts.

“Fees are a major part of what students pay to attend William and Mary — they should be made known to those paying them,” Nelson said.

Sens. Jill Olszewski ’12 and Betty Jeanne Manning ’12 introduced their CIA bill, which proposes adding the telephone numbers of the William and Mary Counseling Center and Steer Clear to the back of student identification cards.

Because of extended deliberation concerning the necessity of additional contacts on each ID, the bill was sent back to committee.

This delay did not disappoint Manning.

“I am really excited that this bill facilitated such a great discussion,” she said. “Ultimately, it will help every student to feel more secure in a wider variety of situations.”

Vice President Kristin Slawter ’09 informed the senate that the Marketplace’s HomeZone will become a Panda Express in Fall 2009.

Speaker talks privatization

Cato Institute’s McCluskey says move increases efficiency, freedom

By ADAM LERNER
Flat Hat Chief Staff Writer

Neal McCluskey, associate director of the Center for Educational Freedom at the Cato Institute, a libertarian thinktank based in Washington, D.C., is privy to privatization. At an on-campus talk hosted by Libertarian Students Thursday evening, McCluskey laid out two cases for why public universities like the College of William & Mary should go private: efficiency and freedom.

According to McCluskey, colleges need more autonomy to more efficiently set tuition, program budgets and set salaries.

“Presumably the president of university and the deans understand what colleges and universities need to do now and what another colleges and universities are doing than legislators in Richmond,” McCluskey said.

As a libertarian, though, McCluskey says he is most interested in reconciling first amendment rights with taxpayer support of the university.

“When you tell a taxpayer you will subsidize this college or university, you’re then subsidizing every professor’s speech, every student’s speech, every event that they have on campus, and you are probably familiar with some of the manifestations of the conflict that this causes,” McCluskey said, referencing the controversies surrounding the Wren cross and the Sex Workers’ Art Show.

“[Supporters and critics of SWAS] both have equal claims, because you have compelled support of the institution,” McCluskey later added.

McCluskey offered privatization as a solution to these problems but also warned that going private could remove an impor-

tant financial safety net for the College and put certain academic programs in financial jeopardy.

Despite these anti-privatization arguments, McCluskey said that the College’s reputation makes it more likely to make up the funds with the private support.

Later in the talk, McCluskey spoke against the position that higher education is a public good worthy of public financing. He said it fails to meet the definition of a “public good,” which is inherently non-rivalrous and non-excludable. He also said claims that public education makes for a better citizenry are unsubstantiated.

According to McCluskey, the College can best serve the good of the public by going private. McCluskey said privatization should be achieved by having the state deliver aid directly to students rather than through the College, by providing tax credits and donation programs to students, or, ideally, by separating from the state completely.

Four VP/SA candidates to meet with students in April

VP/SA from page 1

“The committee initially received applications from 80 candidates, and ultimately selected eight of those for interviews in March,” Clemens wrote in an e-mail. “Our overall pool was quite strong, and we are especially pleased with this short list.”

Ambler hopes to take the student affairs job permanently, as she has served as interim vice president for student affairs since Sam Sadler retired from the position in July. Ambler also acted in Sadler’s place during his recovery from surgery in winter 2008. Prior to this role, she served as the assistant vice president for student affairs from 2001 to 2008. Ambler taught a graduate course in higher education at the College last spring and serves

on several College committees.

Ambler has also held student affairs posts at Franklin and Marshall College and Ohio State University. She will meet with students April 20 and 21.

Jablonski, the second finalist, announced last week that she will be stepping down in May as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill.

Jablonski has served in that post since 2004. During her tenure, she oversaw several building projects, including a new Student and Academic Services Building.

According to UNC’s Daily Tar Heel, Jablonski made some controversial decisions in the student affairs post, including suspending UNC’s rugby team in 2007 and lessening a fraternity’s punishment after a hazing incident in 2006.

Before moving to Chapel Hill, Jablonski worked in student affairs at Brown University, the University of Connecticut, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Boston University. Jablonski will be on campus April 9 and 10.

Bresciani, the third candidate, stepped down as UNC’s interim vice chancellor for student affairs when Jablonski was hired in 2004. Most recently Bresciani served as vice president for student affairs at Texas A&M University.

According to several sources, including KBTX-TV and A&M’s The Battalion, A&M president Elsa Murano asked Bresciani to resign in 2008 for unknown reasons. His forced resignation was met with an outcry from students and faculty, who hailed Bresciani as a hard-working,

visible vice president. During his time at A&M, Bresciani worked to integrate student life programs with the university’s academic mission.

Bresciani worked at A&M for four years after serving in student affairs at UNC for eight years. Previously he spent six years at the University of Nebraska at Kearney in various administrative roles. Bresciani will meet students April 13 and 14.

The final candidate, Loreda, has been the Associate Dean of Students at The University of Maine in Orono since 1999. As the director of Maine’s Campus Life program, Loreda is responsible for many campus activities and units, including multicultural programming, Greek life, GLBT services and volunteer programs. Loreda is also responsible for allocating

and managing a \$4 million budget.

Before moving to Maine, Loreda worked as director of the Office of Multicultural Services at University of Houston — Clear Lake in Texas. Loreda will visit the campus April 23 and 24.

When looking for a new vice president for student affairs, Clemens and the Search Committee weighed experience and innovation, commitment to diversity and solid communication skills. While Clemens admitted the tough task in replacing Sadler, he maintained that all four finalists could accept the challenge.

“[Sadler’s] legacy includes the position of VP itself and a campus with a strong sense of community, which are strengths that any one of these excellent candidates can draw upon in moving ahead,” Clemens wrote.

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Provost discusses Nichol, time spent at the College

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“All through my childhood, all my parents could talk about was how wonderful Colorado was, how great it was to live up in the mountains, to ski, to snowshoe, how the snow came up to the second story windows, and I was looking around at Falls Church, Virginia, thinking, ‘Man, did I get screwed.’”

Like many geologists, Feiss has a rather dry sense of humor. He switched from teaching to administration while at UNC in 1992 after the dean asked him to head up budgeting and planning. He used the opportunity to increase the presence of the campus’s geology department, which was “a little bit on the fringes” and less likely to receive funding than the larger departments such as biology, chemistry or physics.

Feiss found that his new job was not as different as it had seemed from his old position.

“Every professor, even in the hard sciences — particularly in the hard sciences — you end up doing a lot of budgeting, a lot of planning. When I was a professor, I had to get money from the National Science Foundation, money from the private sector, to be able to keep my research program going, to fund my students,” he said. “In a way, you sort of find yourself doing administration.”

Ultimately, Feiss liked the job.

“It wasn’t just running spreadsheets; it was actually trying to wrap my head around arts and sciences. I enjoyed it.”

So in 1997, he applied for the position of Dean of Arts and Sciences at the College, and was named provost in 2003. Though the position of provost is highly powerful and influential — he is the only College administrator, aside from the president, to have his own nameplate at the Board of Visitors — Feiss’s duties are relatively unknown to students. The provost is the chief academic officer. Feiss oversees the faculty of

the College, almost 600 across all schools and departments, as well as the class of employees known as “professional faculty,” librarians, information technology employees, the school’s counselors and more. He supervises all faculty-related issues including hiring, retention, promotion, tenure and salaries, manages the budgeting process, doling out resources to College departments, runs the admissions office, supervises the registrar, directs all research and even has oversight over the Muscarelle Museum of Art.

Because of his wide-ranging duties, “there is no typical day” for the provost. Feiss’s office is located in the Brafferton, the historic building that also houses the president’s office, which is directly above his own. The office is surprisingly organized for such a high position. His desk is orderly, his conference table is clear, and his bookcases are efficiently crammed with books written by faculty members. The silence of his office is broken only by the president’s footsteps on the hardwood floorboards above.

Despite his proximity to the president’s office, Feiss said he never had interest in the job itself.

“When [former College President] Tim [Sullivan] announced his retirement, I thought, ‘I don’t want to be president, that’s not me.’ I was just at that time two years into this job, and I didn’t see myself that way.”

That was in 2005. That same year, however, academic headhunters persuaded him to apply for the presidency at the University of Maine. Feiss, who was ultimately a finalist in the search, said he used that opportunity as his “ace-in-the-hole,” in case the next College president was looking for a new provost.

“I learned an enormous amount,” he said. “One of the things I learned is, you know, I’m not sure I want to be president. The nature of the presidency of a university has changed enor-

mously in the last 30 years. The president is increasingly someone who deals with the external constituents, particularly in a public university.”

Fortunately, Feiss got along well with the next president of the College, Gene Nichol.

Politics, Feiss said, is not his strong suit. And the presidency is often about politics.

That statement could not have been more apt for Nichol, who after just three years had drawn enormous ire and disagreement over several political decisions. In February of 2008, Nichol resigned amid controversy after the BOV informed him they would not renew his contract.

“That was a very complex situation. There were a lot of moving parts in that one,” Feiss said. Although Nichol was caught up in several culture wars — the removal of the Wren cross, for instance — several of his more controversial choices involved academics. Many of Nichol’s critics said it was partly Feiss’s advice that ultimately doomed Nichol’s presidency.

“There’s no way that I, working closely with him, can say I didn’t have anything to do with all those issues. I did,” Feiss said. “I was very involved in the Gateway initiative, which was one of the initiatives that caused some initial difficulty.”

Gateway William and Mary, which Feiss said he “absolutely” supported starting, is intended to increase the College’s economic diversity by providing full scholarships to students who couldn’t otherwise afford a higher education. Critics, however, argued that it was not yet properly funded.

Feiss disagrees.

“We put the funding in place to do it. We knew we needed a funding plan to do it, and we put that funding plan in place. It’s very hard in a university to say, ‘Well, it’s going to take us four years to do something; we’re going to wait until we get all the money to front it.’”

Now, more than a year after Nichol’s resignation, Feiss said they remain close.

“I continue to count him as a close friend. I was very fond of Gene,” he said, noting he last saw Nichol during a visit to North Carolina in October. “We’ll always stay close friends. I share some values with him.”

Aside from the Nichol controversy, Feiss said he is proud of several accomplishments during his time at the College. He noted the founding of the neuroscience and the environmental science programs. They began during his watch as dean, along with a reformed faculty leave system and the Sharpe Community Scholars



ALEX GUILLEN — THE FLAT HAT
Provost Geoff Feiss speaks with environmental science professor Mark Fowler during a teach-in that took place at the Sunken Gardens in Feb. 2009 after former College President Gene Nichol’s resignation.

Program.

Most of all, however, Feiss is proud of the people he oversees.

“It’s the hardest thing to measure, but where I feel the proudest is in the quality of the faculty and staff that I have been able to assist in bringing and keeping at the College. My job, at the end of the day, is to build the best faculty and the best support for that faculty,” he said. “If you haven’t got great students, and you haven’t got a great faculty, then you’re not going to have a great university. I don’t care what your student center looks like or how big your football stadium is. None of that counts.”

Feiss’s tenure has not been easy, however. He noted that survival is an accomplishment in the face of funding problems.

“This is my third round of budget cuts, and the fact that we somehow as an institution continue to thrive and continue to be successful in hard times, that’s a kind of accomplishment, I guess.”

In fact, Feiss said his greatest challenge has been financing.

“This place hangs on by a thread sometimes, and I really wish that we could have found ways to really substantively increase the security of our funding base so that we’re not always working kind of hand to mouth,” he said. “There’s so many great things we could do, if we just had a little more security in the financial side.”

Feiss also fears that the College could lose sight of its core mission.

“The biggest mistake universities make is called ‘mission drift.’ They have a mission, and then they begin to try to do something else. You can change your mission, but don’t drift. Know what you’re doing.”

Feiss noted that the definition

of liberal arts has changed in recent decades, due in part to greater opportunities for students.

“When I went to college, you went, you stayed four years, you left. [Now], people come, some people graduate in three, some people graduate in five, some people will spend two semesters abroad, some people spend all their time here. In my day you majored in one thing; now you major in two things with two minors. It’s just a much richer environment.”

Nevertheless, Feiss said the core values involved in the learning process should remain the same.

“I believe that learning takes place between two people around a desk, at a table, in a lab, in a studio, in the field. There will be ways — interesting, fascinating, undreamed of ways — that we can enhance how we learn and enhance how we create knowledge, but at the end of the day it’s always going to be the two of us or the six of us or the twelve of us interacting in real time. I just believe that.”

Facing retirement, Feiss wryly noted that he will return to the “western” life denied him in his childhood.

Some 15 years ago, he purchased 35 acres in the Colorado Front Range, the populous area of Colorado near Denver. Along with his wife and sons, Feiss built an electricity-free cabin in the mountains that he and his family use as often as possible.

“We were much imbued with the idea of having a cabin in the west,” Feiss said. “We loved it, and so we decided when we retired we wanted to be close to the cabin.”

For permanent housing, Feiss plans to move into a house he owns just off the campus of Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

Although he jokes about pen-

ning a memoir — “I’m not sure anybody wants to read the memoirs of a provost. Pretty narrow clientele” — Feiss is mulling over a few other possible books. He said he is working on one with his wife, Nancy West, about how geologists see the world, a book “intended for the lay person.” He is also considering a biography of his father, who, besides working in a mining camp and the Pentagon, also explored Africa in the 1920s.

He may be moving out west, but Feiss said he plans on returning to the East Coast often.

“I have seven grandchildren spread out from Maine to Georgia that need to be played with. I have children in Atlanta, Raleigh, North Carolina, Baltimore and Brunswick, Maine. So my ideal is: I fly either to Atlanta or Portland, outstay my welcome with that set of children, then get on the train and come down the East Coast or come up the East Coast, then fly back to Denver.”

He said those trips will include a junket back to the Colonial capital, the place he has called home for the last decade.

Ever the optimist, Feiss couched his negative experiences as provost, especially his struggle with funding, in the positive qualities of the College.

“I have friends who are deans and provosts all over the country, and I can tell you that it sometimes shocks me that everybody tells me they envy my job, and they tell me I have the best job among provostships in America. So I’ll go to a meeting in a blue funk about money or this or that or the other thing, and people will say, ‘I’d give anything for your job.’ So it’s important, I think, for us to realize this is a very remarkable place. It’s got problems — everybody’s got problems — but the bones of this institution are so good. The people are so good.”

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Admin. says decision belongs to Facilities Management

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compromised because they were not allowed access to more than one building. She also asserted that management made hiring and promotion decisions based on personal reasons rather than the ability demonstrated by housekeepers.

Swem administrators admitted that many of Roots’ complaints were out of their control.

Housekeepers in Swem are members of the Facilities Management team, and conditions like building access and overtime scheduling are handled by that department, not Swem administration. Every administrator interviewed said they would like to see housekeepers paid more, but were not able to execute that change given the current hierarchy.

“This is true everywhere I have worked: The custodial staff isn’t paid enough,” Hardy

said. “That would be the biggest change, but Swem administration doesn’t control much of their working conditions.”

Van Zandt said safety is always a top priority for library administration, but policies affecting housekeepers are usually enacted by Facilities Management, rather than Swem.

“The housekeepers are as much a part of the library as they can be, but they’re not actually under us,” she said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Privatization should be explored

For those who believe in the ideal of public education, these are unsettling times. Over the last two decades, diminishing state funding and soaring education costs have put tremendous pressure on the College of William and Mary’s balance sheet — and its aspirations. And even as private donations and tuition increasingly cover our operating costs, the College is still constrained by the state’s enrollment quotas and in-state tuition ceilings. This week, a Libertarian speaker suggested that privatizing the College — thereby freeing it from some of Richmond’s control — may help alleviate some of this pressure. While we do not necessarily agree with this point of view, there could be no better time, given our economic woes, than the present to explore the option. The administration should create a committee to investigate the long-term costs and benefits of increasing privatization at the College.

It is important to note that privatization comes in many forms and is in no way binary. The broad term encompasses any possible way a public university may take on the aspects of the private sector. This could range from the total severing of our ties with Richmond — an outcome that at this point is almost unimaginable even if one believes it is desirable — to outsourcing our housekeeping to a private company in order to cut costs, as we already have done with our food services.

The College, as one of the state’s top schools, has already been given the greatest level of autonomy possible under state law. But as higher education continues to play the whipping boy in this recession, we wonder if the General Assembly can always be trusted to uphold its end of the bargain. Perhaps we could do better on our own.

Becoming increasingly privatized has the potential to endanger some of this school’s greatest assets, such as its affordability and openness. But doing so also could open the door for excellence unattainable under current financial restraints. This issue demands the utmost cautious consideration, but at the very least, it is worth investigating.

Ambler is right for the job

This week, the College of William and Mary announced the short list of those who might permanently replace Sam Sadler ’64 as the vice president for student affairs. While it was great to see such strong candidates from all over the nation applying for the position, in this instance we really did not need to look further than our own doorstep. Virginia Ambler is perfect for this position.

A two-time alumna with both a BA and a Ph.D from the College, Ambler has already grown very strong roots in this community. She also knows the job; after almost twenty years working for the College, she was the natural choice to stand in for Sadler when he had to take a year off for surgery, and later after his retirement as interim vice president. And, frankly, under Sadler she learned from the best.

While we respect the skills and experience of the three other candidates, none of them know the workings of this college like Ambler does, and right now we suffer a deficit of institutional memory. With former College President Gene Nichol having stepped down and Provost Geoff Feiss retiring, Ambler’s knowledge of this College’s unique traditions and personality will be invaluable.

The staff editorial represents the opinion of The Flat Hat. The editorial board, which is elected by The Flat Hat’s section editors and executive staff, consists of Miles Hilder, Sam Sutton, Mike Crump, Matt Poms and Andy Henderson. The Flat Hat welcomes submissions to the Opinions section. Limit letters to 250 words and columns to 700 words. Letters, columns, graphics and cartoons reflect the view of the author only. E-mail submissions to fhopinions@gmail.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Track coverage below the bar To the Editor:

I am writing in reference to The Flat Hat’s March 27 Sports “Women’s Track and Field: Head Coach Newberry suspended for two weeks.” While I believe that The Flat Hat has an absolute right to report and document this issue, I couldn’t help but notice a few major performances by the track team and its coaches that went unreported.

There was no mention of our team’s two All-American

performances by Ian Fitzgerald ’09 and Emily Anderson ’10 that occurred just a month ago.

Also, women’s Head Coach Kathy Newberry — as well as assistant coach Ed Moran — represented the United States at the World Cross Country Championships this weekend. I would hope that in the future, Flat Hat Sports could report as meticulously on the positive results of our team as it does our clerical errors.

— Katie Guevel ’11



By OLIVIA WALCH, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

Intoxicated stupidity: a collegiate tradition

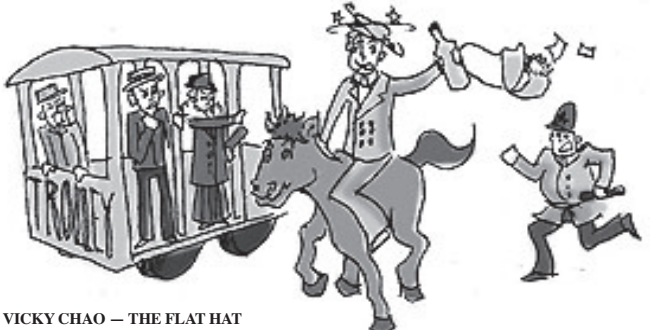
Ed Innace
FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



While reading about our freshman classmate and his drunken antics at the Green Leaf Cafe last week, I couldn’t help thinking that we’ve come a long way from when Thomas Jefferson (class of 1762) or James Monroe (class of 1776) roamed this campus. Surely, they and their classmates would never have acted in such a way. Or would they? Some investigation of historical American newspapers reveals that intoxicated stupidity is by no means a phenomenon specific to universities of our generation, or even our century.

The first recorded mention of college debauchery I found was from the prestigious Oxford University in 1849. The Times Picayune reported that, “Mr. John Key, a commoner of Oriol College, Oxford, aged nineteen, was found dead ... having fallen from the roof.” Apparently after being being taken back to his room “in a furious state of intoxication,” Key climbed out of his bedroom window and was unable to keep his balance on an awning forty feet above the ground.

A similar incident occurred at Cornell University in 1873. A freshman student was undergoing initiation into a secret society when, during the course of his induction ritual, which according to the news report was most certainly an



inebriated hazing ritual, he and two others fell off a cliff. The freshman was killed and both his companions seriously injured. The list of student drinking fatalities goes on and on, but there are some humorous incidents as well.

In 1904, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported, “After an evenings’ jollification and a long ride on horseback, punctuated by frequent stops to quench their thirst, two students at the University of Pennsylvania attempted to hold-up a Spruce street trolley car ... they road abreast of the car and attempted to strike the occupants of the end seats.” The conductor protested the attempted robbery and eventually called the police after the students tried to strike him. One student was promptly arrested while the other managed to escape for the moment. In a demonstration of extreme inebriation, the second student visited the police station later that night to check up on his friend, and was detained.

UPenn — apparently notorious for their drinking — was the site of another conflict between the law and students In 1955 a “rowbottom,” a friendly word for student riot, occurred as a result of heavy partying and mass intoxication. The Evening Bulletin reported, “about 700 University of Pennsylvania students, 50 policemen, a couple of visitors from Washington and a six-piece Dixieland band got tangled up in a rowbottom for over three hours early yesterday. The melee resulted in the arrest of 44 men and a girl, three injured policemen, two damaged fraternity houses, a dented patrol car, a litter of broken glass and paper in the vicinity of 39th and Spruce Streets and a lot of bruised feelings.” The rowbottom was the result of the celebration of UPenn’s varsity crew team’s victory over Princeton and Columbia.

So, before you use the recent taser incident as cause to lament the moral degradation of our young people or the dangerous social life of modern universities, consider what seems to be an age-old truism: If you take young men of any generation and mix them together in a college environment, intoxicated stupidity is likely to ensue.

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Consent is key for healthy sexual relationships at College

Megan Keeling
FLAT HAT COPY EDITOR



Sexual assault can be difficult to talk about, but silence surrounding this issue can be devastating. Rape continues to be one of the least reported crimes in the country; according to the 2008 National College Health survey, roughly 250 students at the College of William and Mary had been the victims of sexual assault within the 12 months prior to the survey being taken. However, the William and Mary Police Department reports show that in 2007 only five people reported sexual assault officially to the campus police. Nine out of 10, according to the College’s sexual assault education website, knew his or her attacker before the assault. This is really disturbing to think about,

because this means that the attacker could be a person’s friend, boyfriend, classmate or hallmate — someone we know as part of our Tribe — who has committed sexual assault.

I’m absolutely not trying to say that all acquaintances are rapists — far from it. It’s always important to remember that the majority of people are not rapists. But if we ignore the fact that rapists are usually people that the victim knows, we distort the realities of sexual assault on our campus and thus affect the methods we use to try to prevent it. When thinking about sexual assault prevention strategies, we need to look at ways to stop people from committing assault in the first place, and one way to do this is to start talking about consent.

Hopefully, you’ve seen the T-shirts and fliers around campus proclaiming, “Consent is Sexy!” But what does consent really mean? We’re often as silent about consent as we are about

sexual assault itself. In fact, silence is often interpreted as consent — if your partner didn’t say no, he or she meant yes, right? By talking about what getting consent really means, we can dispel the myth that silence means consent — or worse, that “no” means persuade me. Consent is nothing

If we embrace that consent needs to happen every time and that it needs to be enthusiastic, this can go a long way in changing attitudes about assault.

less than an enthusiastic “yes” and getting that yes means striking up a conversation.

This dialogue starts on a personal level. People tend to think that asking a partner’s permission before initiating anything sexual somehow ruins the mood. But since when is talking

about sex unsexy? Simply having this conversation can really go a long way in establishing and ensuring consent. Tell your partner what you like and how you like it — whether you’re talking about having sex, making out or anything in between. Listen when they tell you what they want. You could even share some fantasies. Most importantly, listen and respect what the other has to say. Whether your partner is someone you’ve been dating forever or some hottie you’ve just met, the conversation about consent has to happen every time.

If we embrace that consent needs to happen every time and that consent needs to be unequivocally enthusiastic, instead of tacit, this can go a long way in changing our attitudes about sexual assault. We need to develop a culture at the College in which issues like sexuality, consent and sexual violence are openly and honestly discussed. This would mean creating an environment

on our campus in which any sexual activity without the consent of both involved is completely unacceptable. By always listening to and supporting the individuals who have survived sexual assault in our community, we would establish an environment where those who have experienced assault are not afraid or ashamed of sharing what happened to them.

Sexual Assault Peer Advocates created Sexual Assault Awareness Week to open up dialogue about consent and sexual assault within all members of the Tribe. We’re taking the first step in creating a campus that is free of sexual violence by breaking the silence on sexual assault and consent as a community. Ending sexual violence starts with understanding consent. Consent is communication. Consent is respect. Consent is sexy.

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VARIETY

Getting to know Curtis Adkins

The Commons’ well-known singer shares his outlook on life

By **MATTHEW FALWELL**
The Flat Hat

If you have ever set foot in the Commons, you have seen — or at least heard — Curtis Adkins. Better known to students as “the guy who sings,” his presence in the dining hall certainly does not go unnoticed. But, upon speaking with Curtis, it takes only seconds to realize that his public persona, his cheery and positive attitude, is the genuine article. Within a minute, he can make you feel



completely relaxed. It was weird, but I felt strangely comfortable with this virtual stranger — that’s Curtis.

Curtis believes that students should feel at home and comfortable on campus and with its employees; this is one of the reasons he’s always singing. He believes music can help put people at ease and remind them that everything is all right. Even though he is constantly singing, he won’t specify which genres are his favorites.

“I like all music,” he said. “I like singing all kinds of music. But, I have to remind myself to sing more rap, since, you know, that’s what young people listen to these days.”

Curtis’s extensive background in singing includes his high school chorus and his church choir. Whenever he is walking anywhere, he sings along the way — even in the early hours of the morning. On one occasion, when he was walking past a dorm at about 7 a.m., a passing student joked that his singing was like an alarm clock. This is just an example of his connections to students. “People know who I am. Older kids tell the new ones, ‘oh, you’ll see Curtis,’” he said.

Surprisingly, Curtis sings just as much for others as he does for himself. He put it best, saying, “Every day I ask myself, what can I do to help someone out today? Even if it’s just something little, like saying a few kind words to help pick someone up. That’s just what I do.” This outlook, uniquely hopeful and humane, is something completely refreshing.

“That’s what it’s all about — positive thinking,” he said. “Of course I’ve got problems, but who doesn’t? The key is not letting your problems take control of you. I take something negative and turn it into a positive.”

This eternal optimism isn’t masking a lack of brains either — he consistently shares his thought-provoking views on things ranging from everyday life to faith to how he measures success and happiness. When asked about his job, he grinned before answering.



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Curtis Adkins cleans an ice cream machine in the Commons dining hall where he has been an employee for 21 years. Adkins’ singing has made him a campus celebrity.

“Oh, I love this job,” he said. “I mean, I could always leave and go somewhere else and try to make more money, but it’s not about money. If I work a job I don’t like just to make a few extra bucks, I’m going to end up spending that extra money just to feel as good as I would if I had stayed with the job that made me happy.”

When people suggest he is fortunate to be doing something he enjoys, he merely shakes his head. “It’s not that I’m doing what I want,” he said. “I find joy in what I’m doing.” Curtis has enjoyed every one of his 21 years working at the Caf.

When Curtis is not at the Caf, he spends his time relaxing. He goes to the movies, shops at the mall and occasionally visits a club or two.

However, work is not strenuous for him.

“I work five days a week, and I love it. I love the people I work with,” he said. “I don’t have to go out a bunch when going to work is fun.”

He applies his positive outlook to all aspects of life. “I turn on the TV and see the news. I see these horrible things — children starving and dying — I think, ‘What do I have to feel bad about? My life is great.’ I make myself stay thankful. I never give in to negative thinking.”

Curtis conveys his optimism in everyday conversations, especially when referring to his work at the Caf. “We’re a team, you know? Larry Smith,

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THAT GUY

Luke Gill confesses his love for UPS and music

By **LAUREN BILLINGSLEY**
Flat Hat That Guy Columnist

Luke Gill, casually dressed in a black pullover, is fresh off the basketball court after “whippin’ the tails” of the 13 to 15 year-olds he coaches in town. A man with an affable nature and varied interests, he’s served as an enthusiastic orientation aide director, is an avid volleyball player and has graced the music stage as drummer for the campus band Ultraviolet Ballet. As the conversation progresses, Luke dishes on fighting fires in the Rec Center, what it’s like to be mistaken for a basketball player and why he thinks United Parcel Service men have such great jobs.

What do you consider one of your defining characteristics?

I’m a silly person. I like to joke around with people. There also aren’t too many awkward moments with me because I’m kind of an awkward person. I’m six feet four inches and like five feet of that is legs, all legs. So, I’m kind of a ridiculous person.

You certainly are tall. How is being six feet four inches?

I was the drummer for a band, Ultraviolet Ballet, and the four of us — ranging from six foot two to six foot seven — were in the Cheese Shop, just having a band meeting or something stupid like that. This old woman turns to her husband and is like, “That’s the William and Mary basketball team.” All three of my friends in the band have long hair. I dress pretty lamely and normal, but the others have the tight pants and leather jackets, trying to look like rock stars. We did not look like basketball players at all.



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

How long did you play for Ultraviolet Ballet?

I played from freshman to junior year because the others graduated. I’m actually getting into piano now, too. I’m playing Beethoven’s “Moonlight Sonata” at the moment.

What’s your favorite piano piece?

I would say “Prelude #2, [Blue] Lullaby” by Gershwin. That is a sick piece.

What’s something difficult you’ve had to deal with here at the College?

Parking. When people answer that question they always say, “Ah, there’s not enough time to do everything — that’s the most difficult thing.” But I would say Parking Services. Freshman year, when I was moving in, I got a \$110 ticket just for leaving my car in the wrong place. Sophomore year, I had a meltdown because they had put a parking hold on my account right before registration when I actually had a parking pass. Then, of course, there had to be a server malfunction since we were living in the Units.

What’s something you always wished you could be?

Ever since I was a kid I’ve wanted to do one thing: I would love to be a UPS driver for a day. Everybody wants to be a cop or a fireman, but I’d want to do UPS. I’d get to wear the shorts and drive with the door open. I could settle for FedEx, but UPS would be ideal. On that note, I also love lights and sirens and driving fast. I was an EMT and [a] firefighter. That’s all I did freshman year. I’d drive out to Toano and ride with the fire department.

Ever deal with any fires?

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CAPTURED FOR KIDS



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
Rachelle Hunt '09 is captured by a College of William and Mary Police officer and escorted to a jail constructed at the Sadler Center terrace. Arrested students had to post bail to be released. All of the bail money went to the St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital.

Wanting Wawa?

It’s 2 a.m. Friday night, you may be sober. You’re most likely not. Now that you’ve been kicked off the Frat dance floor — despite valiant efforts to keep the party going by hollerin’ for more Flo Rida — you decide to move on to the pinnacle of nightlife at the College — late night Wawa. However, you may not be considering what that craving for a roast beef, ranch and pickle sandwich will be doing to your waistline. We have listed the Williamsburg Wawa’s 10 most popular items and some of their nutritional facts.

— compiled by Pam Snyder

	Calories	Calories from Fat	Saturated Fat (% Daily Value)	Cholesterol (% Daily Value)	Sodium (% Daily Value)/Sugar (g)
Salsa Chicken Flatbread	560	172	45%	30%	69g
Mac and Cheese (medium)	471	202	48%	12%	55g
Meatballs (medium)	158	100	20%	5%	31g
Philly Cheesesteak	449	151	43%	34%	44g
Italian Ciabatta (junior)	335	123	14%	9%	42g
Chocolate Milkshake	580	207	70%	28%	64g
Vanilla Cream Donut	410	190	50%	2%	32g
1/4 lb. Beef Frank	383	251	50%	20%	53g
Chicken Noodle Soup (medium)	170	32	4%	12%	60g
Pancake Sizzli	543	308	62%	76%	46g

Luke Gill stays cool, breathes easy in a fire

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Yeah. There aren’t that many, but there was one in the Rec Center which was awesome because it was in the pool room with all the chlorine. You don’t put on your masks until the last minute and usually end up breathing in a little smoke just like you’re at a grill or something. But this time we took one breath and people felt like dying. That’s when we realized we were in the pool maintenance room where all the chlorine was stored so we were breathing chlorine gas. Not very good. **Any other memorable experiences from working with the fire department?** That story about the Rec is a funny story actually because afterwards at like nine or ten on that Saturday night, we had to wait for this Hazmat truck to come get us cleaned off. We literally walked through this giant trailer getting sprayed with all this shit. You had to strip down to your boxers and they put your clothes in these biohazard bags. Since I lived in the units, I was like “I’m exhausted and calling it a night.” So I walk home to the units and we’re living next to Lambda Chi Alpha, where they were having a euro trash party. So, I’m rolling in at midnight going up stairs in my boxers and people are like

“Yeah man. Great costume.” I was really not in the mood. I stood in the shower for like two hours before I got into bed. **You mentioned earlier that you love tradition. Do you like that aspect of the College?** Yeah, that’s huge. I’m a huge dork when it comes to that. I completely buy into all the Thomas Jefferson stuff and everything. I think Convocation is a really cool tradition. I don’t think I realized freshman year how great it is. It’s fun to see the classic freshmen coming through: Most guys are wearing a coat and tie, and there’s that one kid who comes through in a three-piece suit and aviators and pauses at the top like, “what’s up?” And then there’s that one kid with long hair [who] just rolls through looking really confused in a Darth Vader shirt and I’m like “You’re awesome.” **Who is a figure you look to for inspiration?** My dad, definitely my dad. He’s a beast. I mean he is a ridiculous guy. He’s the guy you go to Dairy Queen with who’s trying to get a Blizzard and he’ll just be like “how’s that McFlurry?” And you’re like dad, that’s McDonald’s. He’s just ditzy when it comes to that kind of stuff but when it comes to real stuff he’s a beast. He’s a handyman too; he builds like everything around our

house and I’ve learned a lot from him. Also, my high school geometry teacher, to this day, has a crush on my dad. He is a good looking man, I’ll be the first to admit it. **What’s something he’s taught you?** How to operate a compound motor saw. I know how to do pretty much everything. **If your life were a movie, what would it be, or what would it be about?** I think it would be a comedy with errors. I spend an inordinate amount of time with James McCulla ’10. We just sit around and talk about food, sex and sports — and it never gets old. We’re straight out of “Everybody Loves Raymond” and “Seinfeld.” I feel like I’m surrounded by George Costanzas and Ray Romanos. It would be a combination of some really good and really bad sitcoms, because I do like to be serious sometimes. *This genial government major is heading south next year to work toward a Masters degree in Higher Education Administration and Institutional Advancement at Vanderbilt University, and serve as the graduate assistant for Greek life at the university. When asked where he would like to be an administrator in the future, he answers that he’d love to be anywhere on the east coast that’s old, academically well thought of, and full of great traditions like at the College.*



Caitlin Fairchild — The Flat Hat

Campus celebrity Curtis sings his heart out at work

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the managers, supervisors, the rest of us — we’re a team,” he said. “But I’m the MVP,” he added playfully. Many students feel that Curtis would be the Caf’s MVP. Andy Principe ’10, a student employed at the Caf, has nothing but great things to say about Curtis. “He’s always really kind,” Principe said. “Whenever he sees me he gives me a high-five. He’ll ask how things are going, how my girlfriend is doing. You can tell he really cares.” Curtis has been featured in various publications, all of which profile his amicable nature. He has a stack of school newspapers and magazines to show for all his work on campus. The thick pile Curtis showed, which contained copies of The Flat Hat, a couple editions of The Pillory and some various other school magazines with articles featuring or quoting him. Curtis elaborated on these articles by discussing events in which he has participated and witnessed. To him, this campus is just as much his as it is the students’. One magazine featured a photograph of Curtis dressed immaculately, with a mic in one hand and on a stage. It had been taken at a benefit concert held for a coworker and friend, Ernestine, who had been sick with cancer. “Oh, she passed on.” Curtis explained. I replied that I was sorry to hear it, but he just smiled. “Don’t be,” he said. “We all have to go sometime. I just thank the Lord for what he’s given me; I’m very blessed. I may not have had the opportunities some other people have had, but that’s not how I look at things. Life is the greatest blessing, and I’m grateful for each and every day.” By just getting to know Curtis, anyone can learn something. He is willing to befriend anyone who takes a moment to talk to him and is more than willing to share a smile and a greeting.



Maral Noori-Moghaddam — The Flat Hat
Commons employee Curtis Adkins gives a high-five to a student enjoying a meal. Curtis is well known around campus because of his personality and tendency to sing while working.

Anderson runs with a higher purpose

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For now, Anderson is happy being a top NCAA competitor. According to Head Coach Kathy Newberry, Anderson is absolutely on schedule to surpass last season’s times and believes that Anderson will be able to compete in both the 1,500-m and 5,000-m at regionals, before selecting one in which to specialize for nationals. Without running, Anderson is uncertain of what her life would be like. “I don’t think I would be here. I do not know, maybe I would be doing badminton,” Anderson said, laughing. Badminton was the sport she considered leaving track for during her freshman year of high school. And as for the tattoo, Anderson told her friends that she would only get inked if she became an All-American. “It was completely a joke,” Anderson said. Yet after placing fifth at NCAAAs last June in the 1500-m, she could no longer exclude herself from that category. “When my friend called me, she didn’t even congratulate me on the race,” Anderson recalls. “She was like, ‘So, am I coming with you to the parlor?’” Naturally, the tattoo is of a runner. “Knowing that you are not out there just doing it for yourself [is comforting],” Anderson said. A member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Anderson reads Christian devotionals before each race, finding strength in the text. “[I read one] which talked about in your moments of weakness, know you are not alone. And when you are reading it, it is always encouraging because there are so many times during a race when you are like ‘I cannot run another step.’” Twice a week, the junior truly wants to be alone. On early morning runs, Anderson leaves her teammates and her watch to train on a trail she has run hundreds of times. She knows how long it will take her to complete, and where every turn begins. “To just run alone, by yourself in the morning, and to think about the day, it kind of reminds you why you run,” Anderson said. Beyond the College, the junior aspires to run professionally, dreaming of a Nike sponsorship. Anderson feels that despite her initial love of sprinting, she has the most untapped potential in the 5,000-m.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

BASEBALL

College sweeps Richmond, continues winning-streak

It took a come-from-behind effort to overcome the University of Richmond on Wednesday. The Tribe (10-15, 3-4 CAA) completed the sweep of the home-and-home series with the Spiders (13-9, 3-3 A-10) with a 9-7 victory in Richmond. In Tuesday's matchup at Plumeri Park, the Tribe's pitching led the squad to victory. Five hurlers allowed just one hit total en route to a 6-1 victory. Senior shortstop Lanny Stanfield led the College at the plate, going 4-for-7 with two runs and an RBI. A day later, freshman Tadd Bower broke a 7-7 tie in the ninth inning, leading off with his first career home run. The Tribe travels to Northeastern University this weekend.

MEN'S TENNIS

No. 73 Tribe falls at home against no. 55 VCU

The 73rd-ranked College (13-13) was defeated Wednesday at McCormack-Nagelsen Tennis Center by no. 55 Virginia Commonwealth University (12-8) in a rematch of last year's conference championship final. No. 111 junior Keziel Juneau and sophomore Sebastien Vidal were the only players for the Tribe to record singles' victories against the Rams. Juneau and Vidal also teamed up to put together a doubles-match win over the no. 72-ranked tandem of Benjamin Bouhana and Emil Lindgren, but the rest of the team was unable to support their top tandem. The Tribe wraps up its regular season against Old Dominion University and Norfolk State University.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Tribe finishes third at Hoya Invite

Led by freshman Caroline Sweet, the College secured a third place finish at the Hoya Invitational in Beallsville, Md., posting a 950 (+86) for the three-round tournament. Sweet recorded a career-low 74 (+2) in the final round to finish in a tie for fourth at 214 (+15). Behind Sweet, junior Morgan Stepanek and sophomore Sarah Whitney tied for 16th place. Nova Southeastern University led the tournament from start to finish, fighting through inclement weather along the way to end at 916 (+25).

—By Jamison Shabanowitz

TRACK AND FIELD

Too fast, too furious



CATLIN FAIRCCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

Emily Anderson emerges as one of the most prolific runners in College history

By CHRIS WEIDMAN
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During high school track season, Emily Anderson '10 used to avoid practice and relax on a swing set instead.

Now, she is a two-time All-American and has a tattoo to prove it.

The junior at the College of William and Mary traded in the playground for a steady dose of hard work, pain and tears to become one of the fastest collegiate runners in the nation. Anderson has surpassed her opponents, and now has her sights set on being sponsored to run professionally upon graduation.

The junior's self-motivation, teammates, coach and faith have transformed Anderson from a high school freshman claiming to be too clumsy to compete in any other sport into a near Olympian. Anderson progressed as far as last summer's semifinal heat of the U.S. Olympic trials for the 1500-m in Eugene, Ore.

The lanky 5'8" star from the suburbs of Chicago did not take the easy path to success, and certainly did not achieve greatness immediately upon her arrival at the College.

Although she never ran many miles in high school, Anderson's natural talent led her to pursue collegiate running. Once accepted to the College, Anderson reviewed her expected summer workout plan, and was stunned by the 45 miles per week required.

"I thought, 'This is unrealistic. This is a joke,'" Anderson said. "So once I got here, the first semester was a real transition. I was getting my butt kicked."

Anderson recalls standing at the bottom of the Yates Hall staircase, fighting back the temptation to cry, cell phone in hand, telling her mother that the three flights of stairs to her dorm room were too intimidating to ascend.

"I couldn't keep up in workouts, I was getting dropped. I was overwhelmed first semester, especially starting out in cross country," Anderson said.

Being a self-proclaimed sprinter at heart, she ran the mile only occasionally in high school, finding her niche in the 400-m and 800-m. After the rough transition to long distance, the freshman rediscovered her love of running during a workout at the end of the cross country season.

"By the end of the semester, when we got to do a time trial on the track, I was like 'Okay, I can do this,'" Anderson said. "And then it got to track, and my freshman season went well."

Anderson has not looked back since. Her trademark yellow, red and green Nike Victory spikes have carried her to two All-American Honors in addition to a slew of CAA honors and records.

Despite her accomplishments, Anderson feels the pressure to further succeed.

To diminish the nerves, Anderson and junior Meghan Burns paint their nails the night before big races. Anderson is still sporting gold from last month's NCAA indoor nationals.

The sockless mid-distance racer hooks up her iPod to intense rap an hour before the gun, preferably playing "Til I Collapse" by Eminem, to get in the zone. Past races roll through Anderson's head while she stretches, providing comfort and reassurance of her skill.

"We focus on ponytails and nails to distract ourselves and think about other things," Anderson said.

Finally on the starting line, the Tribe's leader is all business.

"My dad always says I get 'the glare,'" Anderson said. "It is not intentional, I think I just get nervous and start glaring around at people."

Nerves and 'the glare' help the junior play the role of intimidator.

"I'd like to hope I am intimidating. I ran a race out in Washington earlier in the year, and I was intimidated. There was an Olympian in the race, and I ran like I was intimidated. It was a big learning experience for me," Anderson said.

While the emphasis on success and top-tier performances remains constant in any elite racer's life, Anderson seeks a higher purpose in her training. She points to Hebrews 12:1 which states, "... let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

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FROM THE SIDELINES

Final Four predictions: Our staff sorts out the madness



Mich. State Spartans



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Two words: Goran Suton. For those unfamiliar with the 6'10" MSU big man, Suton picked apart the defense of Louisville — the nation's top team — by drawing the Cardinals' forwards away from the basket with his long-range shooting, opening up passing lanes for Raymar Morgan and jump-shots for shooters Kalin Lucas and Durrell Summers.

Expect Head Coach Tom Izzo to do the same thing Saturday against UConn, with Suton guarded by 7'3" Hasheem Thabeet. The Huskies' center will struggle defending Suton on the perimeter, and without the shot-blocking presence of Thabeet, Michigan State will attack the basket at will.

Izzo is no stranger to the Final Four — this is the fourth time he has led the Spartans to college basketball's Promised Land. His experience will pay off big time, and the Spartans will be this year's champs.

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UConn Huskies



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I don't like the University of Connecticut. Let's just get that straight. But they will win the national title, even without Jerome Dyson. Guards A.J. Price and Kemba Walker are quick penetrators and capable shooters. Hasheem Thabeet and his no-name frontline teammates simply dominate the paint on both ends of the floor, altering shots and picking up garbage points. Price, Walker, Thabeet, Jeff Adrien and Stanley Robinson are all destined for the NBA. Their strength, athleticism and resilience will carry them past Michigan State and UNC. Coach Jim Calhoun's sideline experience helps the Huskies too. This title will be his third in 10 years. Expect the Huskies to out-tough and outscore a game Michigan State squad before slowing down UNC's Ty Lawson in the finale. That game won't disappoint, especially if Tyler Hansbrough graduates without a championship.

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Villanova Wildcats



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The Villanova Wildcats are too good to be rendered a Cinderella, but not seeded high enough to guarantee a championship. Balanced scoring, staunch defense, and, most of all, a lack of pressure ensures Villanova a finals victory.

Scottie Reynolds displayed his ever-present speed and ability to find the hoop in the final seconds against Pitt, in what has become this year's best highlight. Reynolds, paired with Dante Cunningham, has caused match-up problems for opposing coaches all season. Cunningham plays taller than his 6'8" frame would suggest, yet still possesses the ability to hit the step-back jumper.

The Coreys (Fisher and Stokes) have shown a willingness to drain the perimeter shot and Dwayne Anderson can notch 20 points nightly.

Five game changers, one city, two championships, six months.

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UNC Tar Heels



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Write this down: the North Carolina Tar Heels will be your 2009 NCAA champions. The scary thing? They don't even need a fully healthy Ty Lawson to do it.

The Tar Heels' dynamic point guard has put to rest any doubts about his health after playing a team high 36 minutes against Oklahoma in the Elite Eight. UNC will overwhelm an undersized Villanova squad down low with Tyler Hansbrough and Deon Thompson, and Lawson will smother Scottie Reynolds with his typical tight defense.

That will get UNC into a marquee final game matchup with a talented University of Connecticut squad. The Tar Heels will look to neutralize Hasheem Thabeet by throwing 7-foot freshman Tyler Zeller at him off the bench. Hansbrough will take over down the stretch, racking up one big play after another to carry his program to its fifth national title.

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